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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas William Birdwell et al.

Art Unit: 2167

erial No.: 09/727,898

Examiner: Lu, Kuen S.

Filed: December 01, 2000

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TRANSMITTAL

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STATUS

Applicant

Claims small entity status. is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.										
	(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)										
	(a)	Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)									
		Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)							
		First month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00							
		Second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00							
		Third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00							
		Fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00							
		Fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00							
			Fee:	\$							
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.											
(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)											
An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.											
	Extension fee due with this request \$										
	OR										
	(b) <u>X</u>	Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.									



FEE FOR CLAIMS

4.	The fee for cla	ims (37 (C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has l	peen calculated as s	hown	below:					
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TOTAL		MINUS			x \$25 = \$		x \$50 = \$					
INDEP.		MINUS			x \$100 = \$		x \$200 = \$					
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In response to the Office Action dated February 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: